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In re

Patent Application of

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"AUTOMATIC FUEL VENT CLOSURE AND
FUEL SHUTOFF APPARATUS HAVING
MECHANICAL ACTUATION"

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This response is to the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment dated October 22, 2002.

REMARKS

The Applicants have elected Figure 6 in Group I, Figures 8-9 (which relate to the same embodiment) in Group II, and Figures 21-23 (which relate to the same embodiment) in Group III.

The Examiner has stated that the Applicants have not identified which claims read on the Figure 6 embodiment only – the elected embodiment from Group I.

The Applicants note that all of the original claims read on the elected species shown in Figure 6. Applicants' new claims 38-40 are specifically directed to the elected species of Group I shown in Figure 6.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if he has any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,



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